



**NEWS RELEASE**  
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### **Mural Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

The community is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for a recently installed mural painted by Diane Smith. The ceremony will be on Thursday, October 23 at 4:00 p.m. across from the Santa Maria Library on McClelland Street. Entitled, "Celebrate the Harvest of the Santa Maria Valley," the mural features a farmer's plow, agricultural treasures, wine tasters, and a master chef.

This joint project to provide community art was initiated by the Town Center Gallery and was able to be completed through grants from various community agencies including the Santa Barbara Foundation, Altrusa International of the Central Coast, and Community West Bank.

The City of Santa Maria Recreation and Parks Department assisted with securing a permanent location for the mural, purchasing the metal frame and installation.

Ambassadors of the Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce will assist with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please visit [www.towncentergallery.com](http://www.towncentergallery.com).

Questions may be directed to the Recreation and Parks Department, 925-0951 ext. 260.

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